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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 116 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/55/532 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 67th meeting, on 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/55/SR.67).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft decision A/C.5/55/L.61

3. At the 67th meeting, on 25 May, the representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft decision entitled "Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" (A/C.5/55/L.61).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.61 without a vote (see para. 7, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/55/L.93

5. At the 68th meeting, on 25 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Action taken on certain documents" (A/C.5/55/L.93).

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6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.93 without a vote (see para. 7, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly:

(a) Notes the report of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the consolidation of technical support services in the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services;[1]

(b) Reiterates that reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services should be considered under the relevant items of the agenda of the General Assembly, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Draft decision II
Action taken on certain documents

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the following documents until its fifty-sixth session:

(a) Field assets control system

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the field assets control system: a module of the field mission logistics system;[2]

(b) Young professionals in the United Nations system

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention;[3]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments, as well as those of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention;[4]

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[1] A/55/803.
[2] A/55/845.
[3] A/55/798.
[4] A/55/798/Add.1.

(c) United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping missions

Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations.[5]

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[5] A/55/697.